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Subject: Kellogg-for-Coho Initiative Update

Dear Jeremy Weber,

As we move towards another spring, we would like to take a moment to provide an update on the City's Kellogg-for-Coho Initiative (KFCI). Since our last communication about one year ago, important progress has been made.

First, we have continued to coordinate with the US Army Corps of Engineers to complete the comprehensive feasibility study that was originally abandoned due to lack of funds in 2006. Throughout summer 2010, the Corps developed a project team and reviewed previous work products for gaps and opportunities. They collected new sediment samples for analysis last fall and have recently begun to assess a set of dam removal alternatives based on structural feasibility, fish passage benefits, and cost effectiveness.

As the Corp's scope unfolded, City of Milwaukie staff identified additional data collection steps that would complement the ACE's work, including a lakebed/sediment survey and flow monitoring. This work was funded by a \$45,000 grant from the American Rivers/NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program and the City's storm water fund. In September 2010, Milwaukie City Council awarded a contract to Brown and Caldwell to complete a bathymetric survey of the lake, including top and bottom of sediment measurements, temperature probing, and continuous flow monitoring above, within, and below the area of the dam's influence during multiple flow conditions. The majority of this work was completed last fall, with some final flow monitoring scheduled to occur during low flow conditions next summer.

In May 2010, the City submitted a project proposal to the Portland Harbor Natural Resource Trustees (Trustees). The Trustees consist of Tribal, State and Federal governments who are responsible for restoring natural resources that may have been injured by releases of contaminants at the Portland Harbor Superfund site. Through the Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA) process, the Trustees conduct studies

to identify the extent of resource injuries and develop a list of potential restoration opportunities on the lower Willamette River that may provide benefits for injured species. For additional information on this process, visit:

<http://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/Contaminants/PortlandHarbor/> .

On Feb 14th, the City was notified that the Kellogg-for-Coho Initiative has been identified as one of these potential NRDA restoration sites (see attached letter from the Trustees to the City). The enclosed potential project fact sheet and concept map describe the types of restoration activities that could be implemented. We invite your comments, questions, and participation as this conversation unfolds.

Finally, the City remains engaged with multiple public and non-profit entities that are dedicated to improving water quality and fish and wildlife habitat conditions watershed-wide. Recently, the City partnered with the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District and the North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council to implement a Metro-funded 16 acre habitat enhancement project along lower Mt Scott Creek. Together, project partners will control of target invasive plant species and plant about 3,800 native trees and shrubs to shade and enhance the creek. For more information about becoming involved in this project see www.ncuwc.org or contact Nicole West at westn@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

As always, updated information about the Kellogg for Coho Initiative is available on the City website at <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/communitydevelopment/kellogg-coho-initiative>. Please feel free to contact me directly or Alex Campbell (project manager) at campbella@ci.milwaukie.or.us/503-786-7608 with any additional questions or comments about the project. We will continue to be in touch as new project developments emerge.

Best,



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